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For: EPOXIDIZED OR GRAFT-COPOLYMERIZED

NATURAL RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREAD AND PNEUMATIC TIRE

USING THE SAME (as amended)

Examiner: S. K. Poulos

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.